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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—For lower Michigan: Northwesterly winds; cooler; fair weather.

## FOR BETTER TIMES.

Let the wheels of industry be started! Let every workshop resound with the glad music of turning machinery! For weeks the democratic president and his sympathizers have proclaimed that the repeal of the Sherman silver act would restore confidence, unseat boarded money and reinvigorate drooping industries. It has been done; by an unexpected large majority the house has repealed the noxious clause. Now for the ushering in of the new prosperity! Now for a return to forge and workshop of the idle thousands! Now for the money with which to carry on the vast productive agencies which give employment to millions! The democratic president and his sympathizers have said that the transformation from idleness to activity would be immediate. Congress has responded to his appeal, and there is nothing for us to do but to be prosperous. The people have listened to his plaintive assurance until the belief in his rectitude has become almost universal. We have been looking, pleading and praying for the action which was consummated in the house yesterday. Either the democratic president and his sympathizers have deceived the public or the dawn of better times is already dawning in the eastern horizon of the financial sky. And what if it should turn out after all that the repeal of the purchasing clause by the house will have no appreciable effect in relieving the stringency? It will follow as the night the day that we have looked for the germ of the disease only to discover the ultimate symptoms of the disease itself.

## CHANGE OF GRADE.

There is a fair prospect that the common council will act in consonance with the wishes of the majority of the property owners on Plainfield avenue after personally inspecting the condition of that thoroughfare. While it is contended that a cut of ten feet made twenty years ago injured certain of the property situated on that avenue, it does not follow that a cut of three feet now will operate in like manner. On the contrary there are many sound arguments in support of the claim that such a cut will benefit adjoining property. Twenty years ago there were few residences beyond the present crossing of the railway tracks and the improvement of the street as then made was to accommodate the farmers who drove into the city with heavy loads. Now the street is built up with fine residences and there is a wholesome demand that in the improvement about to be made, its beauty and convenience shall not be sacrificed to gratify the selfish interests of the few who are situated just what is believed to be a benefit shall result in injury. The common council has wisely decided to visit the street and make observations. After making such observations the members will be better prepared to vote impartially and for the best interests of all concerned. To pave the street with brick on the present grade line would not, in the opinion of competent judges, be an improvement.

## SILVER DEFEATED.

Silver sustained an overwhelming defeat in the house yesterday. By scores of majority, ranging over 100 each, every proposition providing for the free coinage of the metal was negative. The result is surprising. It was not believed that the anti-silver forces could muster the numerical strength displayed on the several ballots. The completion of the majority leaves no doubt as to the ultimate adjustment of silver to our money system. The silver dollar must take its place beside gold as an interchangeable and co-equal factor, worth 100 cents. This widespread and tumultuous whirled statesman who demanded that silver shall be a synonym of value will be relegated to the rear and brass will be employed to coin the money pieces. The senate may possibly stand between the people and honest money but it will do so at its peril. The senate must either vote on the question within a fortnight or the people will thunder their indignation and protest in the lightning bolts of a final vote. We must not and shall not be trifled with in a matter of so great importance.

## COCKRAN'S TRIUMPH.

Cockran's triumph, ought to be the greatest man in America. After having submitted to the administration a plan for the repeal of the Sherman silver act he was humiliated by its being incorporated into the Wilson bill. Cockran declined to give him encouragement.

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# WAS A DEAD SHOT

David Gillin Finds Men in His Potato Patch.

## CHARLES BURTON WAS KILLED

An Unknown Man Badly Wounded—Gillin Gave Himself Up to the Officers in Atlanta.

GAYLORD, Mich., Aug. 28.—The farmers of Briley township, Montcalm county, have been troubled with thieves taking chickens, potatoes, etc. To cure this David Gillin, a bachelor 65 years old, hid on his haystack nights with a gun. One night at 11 o'clock he spotted two men in his potato patch, digging a hill of potatoes. He shot one dead, and the other escaped wounded. The man killed is Charles Burton, married, 45 years old. The name of the wounded man is unknown. Gillin went to Atlanta and gave himself up to the officers.

## State News in Brief.

There is a cow at Belding which licked some paint from an old paint pail some time ago, and now is afflicted with a peculiar disease. Its brains seem to be affected, and it wanders around in an aimless manner often getting lost. It acts as if hungry, but has forgotten how to eat, and is thus slowly starving to death.

A 5-year-old child who had been taken out with a berrying party at Mt. Pleasant last week was lost. Three or four days passed and nothing was heard of the little one, and the mother was nearly distracted. It was finally restored by a company of Indians who had found and cared for it.

There are living on one farm in Kinderhook township, Branch county, four generations of one family—father, son, grandson and great-grandson.

West Michigan conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual session at Bradley beginning September 10.

The drought has continued unbroken for six weeks in Van Buren county, and crops of all kinds are very badly shortened up.

Rev. John Jeffries has left the pastorate of the Congregational church at Covert after a continuous service of eight years.

Master Jesse May, last season with Sol Smith Russell, has been engaged to play Dick Burleigh in the Girl I Left Behind me.

The Romney Ray, with Frank Loses and Marion Elmstein in the principal parts, will be revived at the Columbus theater, New York.

Private Frank Crowley, who was attacked with diphtheria at Camp Robinson, has returned to Adrian entirely recovered.

Twelve teachers failed to pass for certification at Port Huron because they persisted in whispering during examinations.

Wm. H. Jenks, of Hastings, sued Sheriff McKevitt, of Barry county, for \$1,000 on a charge of false imprisonment.

Louis Aldrich will play the title role in The Senator for a few weeks, and will then be succeeded by Joseph Whiting.

Houghton will hold a special election September 11 on the question of borrowing \$10,000 to build a new reservoir.

The death of Archibald McWilliams, of Paw Paw, at the age of 82, was the first in the family for 48 years.

The Rev. J. P. De Jong, of Englewood, Ill., has declined the call from the Reformed church at Zeeland.

Lotta has reconsidered her determination to return to the stage this season and will wait another year.

A large flock of wild turkeys is the summer resort attraction offered by eastern Charlevoix county.

Lottie Olson and Lottie Colford will both go out with farce comedy companies in September.

The Vassar Milling company's elevator, which was recently burned will be rebuilt immediately.

The Central Michigan normal school at Mt. Pleasant will open its new building September 4.

There is a new school now at Ludington, because Greek was dropped from the curriculum.

Fay Templeton has had a very advantageous offer to star next season in a musical comedy.

Louise Montague has been engaged to play boy parts in burlesque at the London Gaiety.

All Lake Shore repair shop men recently laid off at Adrian will soon be re-employed.

Actor "Joe" Nudge, who used to be celebrated for his back fall, is dead in Brooklyn.

Oceana county farmers are selling potatoes at forty cents per bushel by the carload.

Daniel Sully will play Auld Lang Syne and Connelly the Tailor this season.

Paw Paw is to have a new system of water works and an electric light plant.

The Boyce City and Southwestern railroad is now practically completed.

The Allison driving club has decided not to give any fall meeting this year.

The Sixth Michigan regiment will hold its reunion in Niles August 30.

Young Pat Rooney is to star in the farce comedy, Lord Rooney.

Big Rapids furniture factory will resume work this week.

Sidewalks in Concord will be built by the village council.

Drought has ruined the crops in Watervliet.

Alpena is to have a conservatory of music.

A school house is being built in Royal.

Diphtheria prevails in Mox township.

Hillsdale has a "Jack, the dog killer."

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

It seems to have entirely escaped notice that we are passing through the centennial of the French revolution. Yet in January, 1793, Louis XVI. was beheaded, and the 16th of October next will be the one-hundredth anniversary of the murder of Marie Antoinette upon the guillotine. The whole terrible story of the revolution and its eliminating scenes in the reign of terror are brought before us in the new Life of Marie Antoinette, by Max de la Rochefort, a translation of which, by arrangement with the author, is nearly ready for issue by Dodd, Mead & Company.

A graceful souvenir of the visit of the Princess Louise to this country appears in the September number of Democrat's Family Magazine. The world's fairest member. It is the Spanish Infanta's autograph message of farewell and thanks to the American nation, accompanied by a letter from her official attendant, the

# HIT BY THE TROOPS

Spectators Dissatisfied With a Bull Fight Raise a Riot.

## SEATS AND DOORS SMASHED

Two of the Mob Shot by Soldiers, Shot in San Sebastian Revolt in Bloodshed.

MAIDEN, Aug. 28.—The old city of Saragossa, capital of the province of that name, was the scene yesterday of a serious riot growing out of the dissatisfaction of the spectators at a bull fight with the character of the performance. A bull that had been driven into the ring refused, despite the efforts of the banderilleros, to display spirit enough to make the fight interesting. The spectators demanded that another bull be furnished as a victim for the toreros, but the manager refused to replace the spiritless animal. The crowd soon became